NAME: PERIOD:

***Political Parties Web Activities***

*(NCSCOS Goals 4, 5, 10)*

**Activity #1**

1. Go to [www.ncgop.org](http://www.ncgop.org). This website is for .
2. Click on “ABOUT” on the left, then select, “Documents,” select “NCGOPParty Platform”.
3. Answer the following questions:

A. What is the date for this particular platform?

B. Choose two planks (parts of the platform) to read. List the plank and give a brief explanation of the NCGOP’s position on each.

Example:

Plank A: \_\_\_\_Family

Position A: \_\_\_We support federal and State constitutional amendments to limit marriage to the union of one man and one woman. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Plank A:

Position A:

Plank B:

Position B:

1. Click on “Documents”, Click on “Take Back NC” Manual, Define Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the 3 ways that people should “take back NC”-

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1. Click on “L:eadership” Who is the state, party chairman? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Activity #2**

1. Go to <http://ncdp.org>. This website is for .
2. Click on “ABOUT” Choose the drop down box PARTY DOCUMENTS.” *Click on NCDP Platform 2008*
3. Read the preamble and answer the following questions:

A. What is the date for this particular platform?

B. What is the Democratic Party committed to?

1. Choose two planks (parts of the platform) to read. List the plank and give a brief explanation of the NCDP’s position on each.

Plank A:

Position A:

Plank B:

Position B:

1. Click on “ News,” Click on “Latest News Clips,”What kind of news stories do you see? Explain.
2. What lawsuit was recently filed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Click on Charlotte 2012. What event will be coming to North Carolina on September 3, 2012?

**Activity #3**

Go to <http://www.politics1.com/parties.htm>. Scroll down “The Third Parties”.

1. Who are the “Big Three” Third Parties:

A. B. C.

1. Fill in the following chart by scrolling down and reading the section on third parties:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name of Party** | **Year Founded (if mentioned)** | **Important candidate &/or person** | **What the party stands for**  **(platform, issues – short explanation)** |
| **AMERICAN NAZI PARTY** |  |  |  |
| **GREEN PARTY of the United States** |  |  |  |
| **Boston Tea PARTY** |  |  |  |
| **The Libertarian National Socialist Green Party** |  |  |  |
| **THE LIGHT PARTY** |  |  |  |
| **\*\*** |  |  |  |

**\*\* Pick another “3rd Party” that YOU find interesting and fill in the blanks!**

**Activity 4. Go to: <http://www.rentistoodamnhigh.org/id26.html>**

1. **What is this party’s platform? List 5 things? (Look where it says, “With just the stroke of a ball point pen the Governor can….”)**
2. **What would we call these things? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ According to this, what is the only thing that Democrats and Republicans care about?**
3. **Click on “Jimmy McMillan”, what did he run for in 2010? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Click on “Jimmy McMillan for President 2012”?**

**What will Mr. McMillan run as in 2012? Why did he switch parties?**

**Activity 4**

1. Go to: <http://politicalquiz.net/>
2. Take the quiz.  ***Look up some of the issues that you might not be familiar with such as “embryonic stem cell research” and”intelligent design”***
3. Once you have answered all the questions, click on “Submit”.
4. Explain your scores:
5. **Conservative/Progressive(Explain):**
6. **Capitalist Purist/Social Capitalist (Explain):**
7. **Libertarian/Authoritarian score (Explain):**
8. **Pacifist/Militarist score (Explain):**

**Overall, you would most likely fit into the category of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ according to this quiz.**

**Activity #5**

Go to <http://www.selectsmart.com/president/>

*Take the 2012 quiz*. This quiz will show which candidate most aligns with your views.

1. To calculate quiz results, once you have answered all questions, click on “Show My Results” at the bottom of the page. ***DO NOT ENTER YOUR EMAIL, JUST SCROLL DOWN TO GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR RESULTS***.
2. List the top four presidential candidates that who are most closely fit your political ideals The “Ideal Theoretical Candidate” means that no candidate matches your view 100%, list the next 4 of your preferences:

Name: Party:

Name: Party:

Name: Party:

Name: Party:

3. Next do a search for the each of the people you listed to find out their political party (republican, democrat, etc). Write their political party next to each of their names above.

A. Did you find you have more in common with one political party over another?

B. Do you believe the quizzes accurately measured your political viewpoints? In other words, did the quizzes “get you” right? ***Explain***.

C. Do you have a better understanding of where you fall politically? Did this help you decide what party you may choose to support when you turn 18? ***Explain***.

**Activity #6: Typology**

1. Go to: <http://typology.people-press.org/typology/>
2. Take the quiz and click on “calculate my results”
3. Answer the following questions:

A. What is your typology?

B. What is the basic description for your group?

C. Who else is this typology?

D. What is a lifestyle note for this typology?

**Activity #7**

1. Now that you know all about the political parties in the United States and where you fall, see if you can “spot” who belongs to each party just by looking at their appearance!
2. Go to <http://www.newyorkmetro.com/rnc/spottherepublican/1.htm>
3. Look at the picture, choose if the person is Republican, Democrat, or belongs to another party. Click on the button next to your choice.
4. After you choose and are given the correct answer, click on “Next Question” to complete all 12 images.
5. Once you finish the quiz answer the following questions:

A. Did you do as well as you thought you would? Did you do worse? Better?

B. Do you believe it is possible to identify someone’s political party membership just by their appearance and nothing else? ***Why or why not***?

C. Could someone look at you today and tell if you are Republican, Democrat? Liberal or Conservative? ***Why or why not***?

D. What might be a visual clue about *your* appearance that would allow someone to figure out *your* political views just by looking?